

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 927

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Dr. John McDonough for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those individuals who, through their unwavering commitment to academic excellence and public service, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Dr. John McDonough, who will serve as the keynote speaker for the Cooper-Jones Initiative's (CJI) Sixth Annual Conference on Economics, Health, and Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McDonough is the Executive Director of Health Care for All, Massachusetts's leading consumer health advocacy organization; Health Care for All seeks to achieve the creation of a health care system that is responsive to the needs of all people, particularly the most vulnerable, and Health Care for All is dedicated to making quality health care the right of all people, supporting a health care system that is universal, comprehensive, and equitable; and

WHEREAS, John McDonough is also a Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Boston University School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant, Dr. McDonough served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, co-chairing the Joint Committee on Health Care and serving his constituents with the utmost integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished writer, Dr. McDonough has written two books, *Experiencing Politics: A Legislator's Stories of Government and Health Care and Interests*,

*Ideas, and Deregulation: The Fate of Hospital Rate Setting*; he has also written articles for numerous journals, including *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *Health Affairs*; and

WHEREAS, John McDonough earned his master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and his doctorate in Public Health from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan; Dr. McDonough has served as an Associate Professor at the Heller School of Brandeis University and a Senior Associate at Brandeis University's Schneider Institute for Health Policy; and

WHEREAS, John McDonough donates his time and talents to many notable organizations, always striving to serve the good people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with his long record of community and civic service, Dr. McDonough will be the keynote speaker for the Cooper-Jones Initiative's Sixth Annual Conference on Economics, Health, and Education; and

WHEREAS, held in early April to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the CJI's Conference seeks to help bridge the communication gap between citizens and legislators so that citizens can be informed, active participants in the public policy making process; and

WHEREAS, co-sponsored by the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and the University of Memphis School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, CJI's Sixth Annual Conference on Economics, Health, and Education will focus on approaches that are available to citizens who want to participate in decision-making processes in their local communities and at the state level; and

WHEREAS, drawing upon his vast and varied experiences, Dr. McDonough's contributions to this estimable conference will undoubtedly help educate, encourage, and enable citizens to better participate in local and state government; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize and honor Dr. McDonough for his support of the Cooper-Jones Initiative and his service to the good people of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John McDonough for his dedicated service to the Cooper-Jones Initiative and to the citizens of the State of Tennessee and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.